

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1047

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Faye Fish of Cocke County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Faye Fish, who was named Distinguished Individual for 2021 by the Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha; a dinner was held in her honor, where she received a plaque for her volunteer spirit and commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fish is a local representative for Modern Woodmen of America (MWA), a fraternal organization that has provided matching funds for Celebrate Life, Cocke County Shriners, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Empower Cocke County, Hope House of Cocke County, the athletic department of Centerview Elementary School, and many other service projects; and

WHEREAS, along with a group of other individuals, Ms. Fish is involved with nearly every service project in which the school systems participate, including fundraising dinners and fund matching for each of the six MWA chapters she works with in Cocke County; and

WHEREAS, for more than ten years, Ms. Fish has worked with Celebrate Life Cancer Support Group on the annual Cruise Against Cancer; she also participates in the High Oaks Coon Club fundraisers at the Edwina Community Center, including a barbecue dinner held each May and a fish dinner held each July, which earn between \$12,000 and \$16,000 annually to be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, additionally, more than \$12,000 has been raised through service projects to provide donations to area food ministries, including the BreadBasket, the Denton Food Ministry, the Bybee Food Ministry, and Sunset Gap; and

WHEREAS, in addition to fundraising, Ms. Fish has contributed to projects for the Cocke County High School choir and donated books to all of the school libraries as well as Stokely Memorial Library and the county libraries in Del Rio, Cosby, and Parrottsville; and

WHEREAS, she has made donations to various service projects, including Isaiah 117 House and Toys for Tots through local volunteer fire departments and provided flowers for the hanging flower baskets on the bridge in Newport; and

WHEREAS, her concern for the health of the community has inspired Ms. Fish to provide nine educational programs on diabetes and its effects on the heart and other health issues; and

WHEREAS, Faye Fish epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Fish for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Faye Fish on being named Distinguished Individual for 2021 by the Alpha Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and extend to her our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.